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We can agree to restricting the claims to the polysaccharides illustrated by example (pectin of a certain degree of methylation, methylated cellulose, low viscosity, or hydrolyzed guar gum). I am not sure that this alone will satisfy the Committee, since they seem to be treating this as "a film which can be used as a wrapper for a smoking article" rather than as a smoking article having such a wrapper and to be disregarding the fact that no more than 90% of the film is polysaccharide and that at least 2% of alkaline earth compound is required as well as humectant.

It would not be possible to produce any comparative date on short notice for e.g. starch film as to heat shrinkage etc. We can only suggest that you do the best you can in reply to the Committee. Call me if you think there is something more we can supply

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